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Letter dated 28 July 1993 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you on behalf of the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council, in connection with the decision to postpone action under agenda item 47, entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields", taken by the General Assembly at its 107th plenary meeting, held on 25 June 1993.

The membership of the Economic and Social Council has been following with the keenest interest the deliberations of the working group created by the General Assembly for this matter, so it was with disappointment that we learned of the aforementioned outcome.

It is essential that the necessary measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the Economic and Social Council be adopted expeditiously in order to enhance further the capacity of the Council to undertake the responsibilities envisaged for it in the Charter of the United Nations. This view was constantly and widely expressed during the current session of the Council by delegations of all regional groups, and United Nations officials throughout the high-level, coordination and operational segments.

Therefore, the Bureau wishes to convey to you that there is a widespread feeling shared among the member States of the Economic and Social Council on the urgent need to come to an agreement on this matter before the closure of the current session of the General Assembly.

It would be very positive if a decision on the matter is taken before the next General Assembly in order to expedite the necessary further action in the process of revitalization and restructuring, including the important question of the rationalization of the agendas of the Council and the relevant bodies of the General Assembly in the economic and social fields.

The members of the Bureau remain at your disposal to assist you at your convenience in your endeavours on this matter.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under agenda item 47.

(Signed) Juan SOMAVIA
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